

That was then, this is now, Barefoot powwow returns after a decade



Native American drummers and dancers shook the ground below their feet for three days, Sept. 6-8, at the heavily wooded Barefoot powwow arena in Canton, Okla.

"It has been ten years since anyone has stepped on to the Barefoot powwow grounds ... since the death of my oldest son. In 2004, Josh was a homicide victim in El Reno," Vinita Sankey quietly said.

Marie Whiteman and Barney Sankey accompanied Vinita along the outside of the powwow arena, sitting on one of the many wooden plank benches that were hand made by others in the 1970s.

"The old Indian way in a family death we just let everything go, usually for about a year. One will

not do anything, it just depends on how long one wants to mourn for their family member. Nowadays it seems not many people keep the old ways," Whiteman said.

Whiteman said the Barefoot powwow was once called the Arapaho powwow when it first began over 80 years ago.

"The powwow was held closer to town and usually around the Forth of July during Canton's rodeo," Whiteman said. "This was once one of the largest powwows ever held."

In 2003 was the last time Barefoot powwow was held, which marked its 71st year. With high hopes of a good turn out the Sankey family made a choice to host the Barefoot pow-

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Former cheerleader lifts the bar of excellence

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

It's time to get focused and ready to lift some big weights. She says a prayer and looks for a cross in the area, whether it be two lines intersecting on a wall or tiles in the ceiling, she finds a cross, just to remind her of her faith. Her coach speaks softly in her ear giving her some final pointers before she steps out on the platform. She takes a breath, says one last prayer, jumps twice, moves her head side to side, shrugs her shoulders and takes a breath ... it is at this point she knows it is time to do what she has been training to do for so long.

For 34 year old Jennifer (Jen) Buckner, being a champion weightlifter was never an option in the "when I grow up I want to be..." cards. As most little girls, Jen's life was filled with dance, gymnastics and cheerleading.

"I never in my wildest dreams thought I would be a weightlifter. When I was little I desperately wanted to play sports, like my cousins, but my older sister was a dancer and my mom had me enrolled in everything from jazz, tap, gymnastics to ballet. I danced from the age of 3 until 13, and then went on to be a cheerleader. I also wanted to act and perform, so my grandmother would have me sing and dance for anyone and everyone who would watch and listen and ... I did it willingly," Jen shared jokingly. "As for knowing my strength, my family loves to tell the story about me when I was a kindergartener and my great-grandmother was picking me up. I was playing on



Photos by Nat Arem

Champion weightlifter, Jen Buckner snatches her all time best of 91kg at the USA Weightlifting National Championships, July 26-28, 2013 in West Chester, Ohio.

the playground with a friend who had gotten stuck on the monkey bars and was hanging and crying for a teacher to help her. I ran up and stood under her with my arms outstretched to catch her saying, 'just drop, I'll catch you.' Thankfully she didn't drop, but hearing this story I guess I have always had a strong confidence in my strength, even at the age of 5."

Jen works as a registered nurse for the Santa Fe Indian Hospital in Santa Fe, N.M., and when she is not working, she is in the gym training, lifting, getting ready for the next competition that may come her way. How she got here is as strange to her as it is to anyone hearing her story.

"I always wanted to play sports when I was growing up, but dance took up the

majority of my time. When I finally quit dance, I went on and became a cheerleader from my sophomore year to my senior year in high school. I was a 'base' which is the person who holds the people when doing cheerleading stunts. I had some pretty amazing coaches who must have seen my strength and determination, so they taught me how to stunt like a boy," Jen laughed. "They taught me things that only guys were supposed to do ... it was pretty neat going to games and state championships and showing what I could do. I loved watching people's mouths drop open. When I graduated high school, my coaches wanted me to pursue cheerleading in college, but I was done. I went to Colorado State University (CSU) to pur-



Jen Buckner (r) with her older sister, Winona Robinson in one of their many dance costumes.

sue a degree in biology ... I became so terribly homesick."

Jen said one day a friend from her high school days called her. Her friend was

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New water treatment plant for Concho Reserve

By Rosemary Stephens
Editor-in-Chief

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes receive funding for the planning, design, permit and construction of a new water treatment plant for the Concho Reserve in Concho, Okla.

The Indian Health Services (IHS) sent a letter addressed to Cheyenne and Arapaho Gov. Janice Prairie Chief-Boswell informing her the IHS has set aside \$90,000 in funding in their Oklahoma City Area office and is available for use.

The funding comes, in addition to the \$1.9 million allotted by the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Tax Commission for this project.

In December 2012, Gov. Boswell transferred the Concho Water and Waste Water Systems operations to Community Development Coordinator, Melvin Roman Nose.

Roman Nose said the existing Concho water system was constructed in 1969 and is in dire need of a total renovation. He has completed part of the Concho Water Storage towers upgrades to meet the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) standards.

"Community Development is advertising for a design-built A&E Construction firm to replace the existing 6" water line from the existing water well site to the Concho Water Treatment Plant, cover five water wells that are no longer in use, install an additional water well, install a monitor system at each water

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Meet the Candidates..

The *Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Tribune* sent out an invitation in the last two issues to all candidates to submit bios and brief campaign platforms to be published in the Sept. 15, 2013 issue.

Below are the candidates' information that accepted the invitation.

Remember to get out and vote in the Primary Election, Tuesday, Oct. 8 and the General Election on Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2013.

Candidate for Cheyenne District 2 Legislator, Alan Fletcher

Greetings to all my kind relatives and friends. May these words find you in plveaught health and happiness.

My name is Alan Gene Fletcher. I am your candidate for our Tsististas Cheyenne District 2 legislature. My Tsisista name is Woo-ge-wa-ha-mats, White Antelope. This name was given to me by my late uncle Chief Edwin Pewo.

My father is the late Dwight Eugene Fletcher, paternal grandparents are the late Chief William Bent Fletcher and Mildred Row of Lodges-Fletcher.

My mother is the late Ima Jean Whiteskunk, maternal grandparents are the late Chief Edward Jones Whiteskunk and Mary Elk River-Whiteskunk.

As your candidate for our Tsististas, Cheyenne District 2 legislator I would greatly appreciate your support in selecting me as your representative. I will work towards the betterment of our proud Tsisista Nation. I believe that our people come first and need to be taken care of from the youngest to the eldest, as well as our future

generations.

During my career with the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes I have always been devoted to our people. For example, I had the honor to serve as the Community Project Co-ordinator for the Arapaho District 2. I fed all our Cheyenne and Arapaho relatives and friends at monthly meetings as well as holidays. I assisted in the development of the Geary Tribal Community Hall. This project was accomplished through the collaboration with the City of Geary as well as our Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal administration.

I also worked for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Crisis Assistance Program and served as an outreach case manager. I assisted our Cheyenne and Arapaho people with food, shelter, utilities and medical needs. I also referred our people to outside agencies that could provide assistance as well. Through the crisis program I received training in Federal Emergency Management Aid and provided our people with assistance during natural disasters, such as tornadoes, floods, and winter storms.

With my knowledge working with the Cheyenne, Arapaho Crisis Department I applied this information and skills towards my employment with the Cheyenne and Arapaho Elder Care Program as an outreach caseworker.

It was an honor to serve our Cheyenne elders and Arapaho elders, and ensure their needs were met. During my outreach meetings with the assistance of our Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal program, and other outside agencies, beneficial information was provided for our elders.

I had an opportunity to work for our Cheyenne and Arapaho Culture and Heritage Program as the project specialist. I provided workshops for our youth as well as our community members that were interested in learning our Cheyenne and Arapaho languages, history, religion and culture. I also ensured that our powwow and ceremonial grounds were maintained.

I worked for our Cheyenne and Arapaho Finance Department as the travel clerk where I processed all travel accommodations for our Cheyenne and Arapaho



employees within the federal guidelines as well as their program budget perimeters.

Once again I want to say Haho for your support in selecting me as your Tsististas Cheyenne District 2 legislator. As your legislator I will be devoted towards helping our people. Together we can build a brighter future for all of our Cheyenne and Arapaho relatives and friends.

May Maheo continue to bless you with piveaught health and happiness.

If I may be of assistance, please contact me at afletcher4c2@yahoo.com or by writing me at 325 Hope Ave., El Reno, OK 73036.

Candidate for Arapaho District 2 Legislator, Christine Morton

Tous, Hinono'ei no!

My name is Christine Morton and I am a candidate for the 2013 Arapaho District 2 Legislator. I would like to take this time to introduce myself and briefly discuss a few issues that I feel are important for our tribe to move forward.

I am a full blood enrolled member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes. I am ¾ Arapaho and ¼ Cheyenne. My parents were the late Geraldine June Tallbull Morton (½ Arapaho ½ Cheyenne) and Samuel Morton, Jr. (4/4 Arapaho).

My late maternal grandparents were Mabel Mary Medicinebird Tallbull Horn (GrayHair nee Hebei3e'sei (4/4 Arapaho) and John Charles (Littleman) Tallbull, (4/4 Cheyenne) of Kingfisher; late paternal grandparents were Samuel Morton Sr. and Stella Campbell Morton, both full blood Arapahoes from Geary.

The reason I have provided this information is to let you know what families I come from. I feel it is important for all of us, especially the younger generation, to know our family history, who our relatives are and where we come from.

My purpose in running for the legislature is simple and sincere. I want our tribes to move forward, to see open communication throughout our tribal government structure, and, most importantly with the tribal members. If we don't communicate with each other then we can't progress. One of the most important concerns is the inability of our leaders to

work together to get business done.

Legislators are elected to office by the people and the elected officials should concentrate on what is important and in the best interest of our tribal members. Meetings of any sort should be conducted in a business like manner in order to be productive. Everyone has their own opinion and should be allowed to express themselves, but, I think we listen better if personalities don't interfere and everyone sticks to the business being discussed, otherwise, we waste valuable time. We need our leaders to be able to compromise and work together for the benefit of our tribe.

It is my intent to serve the constituents of the A-2 District by working with the other district representatives to improve program services and to further the interests of the tribes by concentrating on real issues. There are many priorities for the in-coming legislature such as health disparities, alcohol and substance abuse, employment, education, economic development, language preservation, financial accountability, to name of few. All of these are important issues and I look forward to working with the legislature should I be elected for the A-2 position.

We have many educated, hard-working, experienced tribal members and our tribal administration should be fair in the hiring process,. It should not be based on who you know. Our tribal members have a reason to do a good job for us because they

are a part of us. Let's recognize these people and put them to work. Of concern is the employment of non-Indian people in key positions within our tribal government structure. What happened to using Indian Preference? Our tribal members may not be qualified for many of these positions, that's where education plays a key role, our people need to be afforded the opportunity and resources to get an education so that they can be hired for these positions and provide for their families. Still there are other positions that do not require an educational background but require experience. Those are the positions our people should be given a preference for, we need to give our people the opportunity to gain experience.

I believe I have the qualities and experience needed to fulfill the duties of the A-2 District representative. I have worked for numerous tribal programs for the past 24+ years and have gained experience and knowledge of how to communicate with people, administer services, and am familiar as to how the budgetary process works.

Currently I am employed by the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes in the Enrollment Department on a temporary basis; my permanent position is within the Procurement, Grants and Contracts Program as the Procurement Specialist. I have a strong work ethic, having worked all my life starting when I was in the 10th grade in high school.



My companion of 17 years, Eric Anquoe, and I reside in El Reno, where I have lived for the past 25 years. I have 2 daughters and 2 grandsons, Cameron and Bryce. I am originally from Kingfisher and attended and graduated from the Kingfisher Public School system. In 1993 I graduated from Redlands Community College with an Associates Degree in Sociology.

I enjoy attending cultural events, self taught myself to bead, love to listen, learn and sing Arapaho Hymns, enjoy learning the Arapaho Language and researching tribal and family history, and have assisted and/or served on the Oklahoma Indian Nation Powwow Committee for the past 14 years.

In closing, I feel confident that I can do my part as a legislator to represent not only the A-2 District, but the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes as a whole. I would appreciate your support and your vote for the A-2 legislative office.

If you would like to contact me call (405) 476-1134.

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Monday-Sept. 23-Canton Community Ctr.
Wednesday-Sept. 25-Watonga Multi-Purpose Ctr.
Monday-Sept. 30-Oklahoma City (TBD)
Wednesday-Oct. 2-Concho Community Ctr.

Roberta Hamilton/Jerry Levi Campaign Community Meetings

6-8 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2013
Northern Electric Medallion Room
Thursday, Sept.19, 2013
Location TBA in Oklahoma City
Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2013
Location TBA in Shawnee, Okla.

Primary, General Election Schedule

September 17, 2013
Deadline to mail out Absentee Ballots for the Primary Election to eligible voters.

October 8, 2013
Primary Election Day-Polls open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

October 8, 2013
Absentee Ballots must be returned by mail to the Concho, Oklahoma, Post Office no later than 3 p.m. to be counted.

October 8, 2013
The Election Commission counts the ballots after the polls close.

October 9, 2013
Preliminary results of the Primary Election are posted by 9 a.m.

October 10, 2013
Deadline to file a request for a recount-No later than 9 a.m.
(Within 24 hours of the time the preliminary results of the Primary Election are posted.)

October 10, 2013
Deadline to file written challenges to the preliminary results of the Primary Election-No later than 9 a.m.

October 14, 2013
Deadline for the Election Commission to render a decision on any challenges filed to the preliminary results of the Primary Election—No later than 9 a.m.; Primary Elections results are certified and final results of the Primary Election are posted.

October 15, 2013

Deadline to mail out Absentee Ballots for the General Election to eligible voters.

November 5, 2013
General Election day-Polls open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

November 5, 2013
Absentee Ballots must be returned by mail to the Concho, Oklahoma, Post Office no later than 3 p.m. to be counted.

November 5, 2013
Election Commission counts the ballots after the polls close.

November 6, 2013
Preliminary results of the General Election are posted by 9 a.m.

November 7, 2013
Deadline to file a request for a recount-No later than 9 a.m. (Within 24 hours of the time the preliminary results of the General Election are posted.)

November 7, 2013
Deadline to file written challenges to the General Election results-no later than 9 a.m.

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Deadline to for the Election Commission to render a decision on any challenges filed to the preliminary results of the General Election-No later than 9 a.m.; General Elections results are certified and final results of the General Election are posted.

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The 2013 Primary and General Election Polling Sites

Each poll site will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The Primary Election is Oct. 8, 2013

The General Election is Nov. 5, 2013

Must show current valid photo ID

No Copies of Photo ID will be accepted.

The C-1 and A-1 Poll sites:

Watonga Public Library, Watonga, Okla., located at 301 N Prouty Street, Watonga.

Canton Community Hall, Canton, Okla., located at 207 N Jefferson, Canton.

Seiling Indian Community Center, Seiling, Okla., located at 411 N Main Street, Seiling.

The C-2 and A-2 Poll sites:

Concho Community Hall, Concho, Okla., located at 200 Wolf Robe Circle, Concho.

Geary Community Hall, Geary, Okla., located at 132 E Main Street, Geary.

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The C-3 and A-3 Poll Sites:

Clinton Community Hall, Clinton, Okla., located at 2015 Dog Patch Road, Clinton.

Liberty Church, Weatherford, Okla., located at 109 West Franklin Street, Weatherford.

The A-4 and C-4 Poll Sites:

Hammon Community Hall, Hammon, Okla., located at 801 Dunn Street, Hammon.

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Cornell Sankey.....Lt. Governor

Roberta Hamilton.....Governor

Jerry Levi.....Lt. Governor

CANDIDATES FOR CHEYENNE DISTRICT 2

Ramona Tallbear

George Woods

Alan Fletcher

CANDIDATE FOR CHEYENNE DISTRICT 4

Kyle Orange.....Winner by Default

CANDIDATES FOR ARAPAHO DISTRICT 1

Edward Eugene Mosqueda

Jane Nightwalker

CANDIDATES FOR ARAPAHO DISTRICT 2

Dale Hamilton

Michael Martin

Christine Morton

CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION COMMISSIONER

Cheyenne District 1.....None

Cheyenne District 3.....None

Arapaho District 3.....None

Arapaho District 4.....None

Mobile dental van coming to El Reno in October



El Reno, OK-The Dental staff of the Clinton Service Unit would like to announce that a mobile dental van will be coming on select dates in October to the future site of the new El Reno Indian Health Center in El Reno, Okla.

The van will be located in the parking lot at the future El Reno Indian Health Center and will provide primarily emergent care such as extractions and fillings.

In order to access these services patients must already have an existing El Reno clinic chart.

The mobile van will be there on October 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 16, 17, 22 and 23 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. On these days, there will be one dentist and one dental assistant.

Services provided will be very limited but we will do our best to accommodate our patients as best as we can.

Patients will be required to schedule an appointment for these services. Please call (580) 331-3423 for questions and to schedule an appointment.

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Every Native American child left behind, sequester guts Indian Education

By Tanya Lee, New American Media

Educators in Indian country are working feverishly and creatively to deal with the cuts to federally funded pre-school-to-grade 12 programs mandated by the so-called “sequester.”

The sequester, a series of automatic federal spending cuts totaling \$85 billion in 2013 and \$109 billion for each year from 2014 to 2021 for a total over \$1.2 trillion in debt reduction (when savings on interest payments are included), was authorized by the Budget Control Act of 2011. It went into effect in March because Congress could not agree on a budget that would reduce deficit spending by \$2.4 trillion over the next decade as part of the effort to deal with the country’s nearly \$17 trillion debt.

Head Start, intended to promote school readiness in children from birth to 5 years old from low-income families by supporting their cognitive, social and emotional development, serves one million children a year nationwide. The program was developed in the mid-1960s as part of President Lyndon B. Johnson’s War on Poverty. Sequestration is expected to knock out five percent of Head Start funding across the board, even though most Head Start programs cannot currently accommodate all families who apply, according to the Health and Human Services Department’s Administration for Children and Families, under which Head Start operates.

Approximately 70,000 children are expected to lose access to the program because of these cuts.

In 2013, Head Start programs nationwide will take a \$406 million hit as a result of the sequester. Of that amount, nearly \$12 million will come from Indian Head Start, according to the National Indian Education Association.

Melissa Harris, director of the Catawba Indian Nation Head Start in South Carolina, is proud of her program, which serves 80 children, most of them from the tribe, at one center on the reservation, for the full year. She says the sequester is devastating her program, “Right now, we’re downsizing from five days of service to four days for the summer.”

Not only will this reduction affect the children’s preparation for school but, Harris adds, “we’re concerned about meals. We serve two meals a day. On Fridays, will the children have a meal? Will they be watched by siblings or adults? Every weekend this summer will be a three-day weekend and we’re not sure the children’s basic health and safety needs will be met.”

“We recognize the responsibility to get the U.S. budget in order, but this is not where you start, at the foundation of our children’s lives.”

Of the \$12 million in cuts Indian Head Start must deal with, more than one-tenth, or \$1.4 million, will come from the Navajo Nation’s program, which serves 2,115 children in early Head Start and Head Start and through home-based education activities. Director Sharon Singer notes that it costs more to serve rural areas, which often do not have accessible services and where transportation is always a challenge.

“We’re looking for ways to cut costs and still serve our children and families,” she says.

The Navajo Nation began restructuring its Head Start program in November 2012 to build a high-quality program. That initiative will help cope with the funding cuts.

“As part of the restructuring program we expect to reduce employees by 30 percent. We’ll combine positions and hire highly qualified teachers who can each be responsible for more children. And we’ll streamline our program, cutting out middle management and offering direct services to children and families,” Singer said.

For now, says Singer, the Head Start program will be able to continue serving the same number of children, but further funding cuts will affect services. “Head Start provides a continuous program from early Head Start to Head Start to kindergarten, which is so critical now that Common Core standards require that children be able to read by third grade or not be promoted. Our job is so important. It provides the foundation in learning and literacy for our children.”

The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon’s Head Start program will take a much smaller cut, \$48,000, but its program is smaller and the impact will be serious. DeAnn Brown, director of the program, says they will close one week early this year and start two days later next, and they will need to cut supplies to classrooms and teacher training dollars.

Brown says her program serves 112 children and about the same number of families. It is a center-based Head Start program with seven classrooms. The program operates 3.5 hours a day, 4 days a week during the school years and serves both breakfast and lunch.

“The cuts will be felt by everyone,” she said “It’s only a week, but families are still dependent on Head Start for childcare. They’ll have to make other arrangements for that



week. A week’s worth of childcare is a lot for our families.”

Another concern, again, is nutrition. “Children rely on Head Start for two-thirds of their nutritional needs four days a week. Some kids might not get the nutrition they count on when Head Start is not operating for those days.

“We hope there are no further cuts. As it is, we still don’t serve all the kids we could. Further cuts would impact our enrollment. We hope there aren’t any.”

The \$12 million in cuts to American Indian Head Start programs is not just a matter of consequence for the nation’s tribes. National Indian Education Association President Heather Shotton said, “When the federal government does well by our Native children, it does well by everyone’s children. When budget cuts hurt the education of Native children, they harm education for everyone’s children.”

Student turns his life around through his art



Tahlequah, OK-William Washee is a member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes of Oklahoma. He lives and attends college in Tahlequah, Okla., majoring in Graphic Design.

Washee has received many awards, both for his art, as well as his academics. Some of his awards include Aca-

ademic Excellence, as well as awards recognizing him for the most outstanding student in his field, and many awards for his artwork.

Washee’s love for art came at a very young age and throughout the up and downs of life, his love for art was steadfast.

His biggest influence was the urban street art that was prevalent just about everywhere in San Diego, Calif., where he grew up. Today that influence is present as he blends contemporary art with his love for urban street art.

For Washee, success did not come without its tribulations. He lived through a dark time in his life and succumbed to substance abuse. Sentenced to mandatory Drug Court by the State of Oklahoma, Washee beat his addiction and graduated from his program with the help of his art, which sustained him throughout his ordeal.

After overcoming his addiction Washee earned his GED and soon after enrolled in college. A single father with two sons, Washee will be graduating next summer from North-eastern State University, with honors.

Washee is the son of Bernie Washee of Pryor, Okla., and Ruth Butson of Welling, Okla. He is the grandson of the late Rayburne Washee and Gloria Matthews of Tahlequah and the great grandson of the late John E Washee and Jenny Spottedwolf Washee. A seventh generation Sand Creek Massacre survivor, William is the direct descendent of Spottedwolf, a signer of the Medicine Lodge Peace Treaty of 1867, and Washee who along with Watonga (Black Coyote) is credited with bringing the Ghost Dance Religion to Oklahoma in 1890.

Washee would like to thank the Cheyenne and Arapaho Higher Education Program for helping him meet his educational needs and is very honored to have been a recipient of the W. Richard West Sr. Art Scholarship, sponsored by Rick West Family, Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, and other contributors.

Without the extra scholarship, he wouldn’t have been able to purchase the necessary art supplies and paints he needed.

United Nation’s ANAYA calling on U.S. to protect Baby Veronica’s human rights



Portland, Ore. and Washington, D.C.-The National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA), the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), and Angel Smith, an independent attorney appointed by the District Court of the Cherokee Nation and “Next Friend in the filing,” are applauding actions by the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, James Anaya calling for state, federal, and tribal authorities in the United States to take all necessary measures to ensure that the well-being and human rights of Veronica Brown, the four-year-old Cherokee child at the center of a highly contentious custody dispute, are protected.

Anaya’s office, in a release Sept. 10, point-

ed out that the Indigenous rights are guaranteed by various international instruments subscribed to or endorsed by the United States, stating, “I urge the relevant authorities, as well as all parties involved in the custody dispute, to ensure the best interests of Veronica, fully taking into account her rights to maintain her cultural identity and to maintain relations with her indigenous family and people.”

National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA) and the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) and Smith, who had brought their concerns to the Special Rapporteur’s attention, hailed the announcement as corroboration of the concerns raised both in the federal civil rights lawsuit on behalf of Veronica in July and in ongoing legal matters in Oklahoma.

Among the possible human rights violations is the forced removal of Veronica from her Indian family and tribal nation without adequate protection or recognition of her right to culture. Such removal violates her right to culture, education, family, and tribal

nation as guaranteed by Articles 7 and 8 of the U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and Article 27 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

The executive directors of two leading national organizations, NICWA’s Terry Cross and NCAI’s Jacqueline Pata, called for the national conversation about the case to focus on Veronica’s human and civil rights.

“These rights are being violated by the failure of the courts to provide Veronica, her tribal nation, and her extended family with opportunities to be heard regarding her best interests,” said Cross. “What the U.N.’s involvement indicates is that we must all agree to turn our focus back to Veronica. When we do, it becomes disturbingly clear that the courts have utterly failed to protect what is guaranteed to her by international law and established treaties, best adoption practices, and in my opinion, basic tenets of decency. Her rights have been violated, pure and simple.”

Pata said they commend the Special Rapporteur for engaging on this issue, “it’s a vital step for protecting all Indigenous children throughout the world. It’s important to note that these are violations of international laws recognized and ratified by the United States long ago, not external forces weighing in on

U.N. Expert Says ‘All Necessary Measures Should Be Taken’

domestic laws,” said Pata. “Veronica, and all similarly situated Indian children, families, and tribal nations, have deeply felt interests in maintaining their individual and collective rights to family, culture, and community. These basic human rights, along with the fundamental principles of self-determination, non-discrimination, due process, and equality, must be protected.”

Smith agreed, stating, “Of course the facts of these matters are heart aching. Even so, it is important and required that when considering Veronica’s rights and protections to acknowledge that, as an Indigenous child, she holds the rights of continued connection to her family, her culture and community. It has been tragic that, in the media firestorm following this case the last two years, so little attention has been paid to Veronica’s basic human rights. These are rights and protections due her, due to Veronica, and are independent of any other individual involved in these matters. Veronica’s rights and interests must be considered.”

Smith continued by saying if she were any other child, in any other case, her present situation, needs, and rights would be considered and would have been part of the determination, “Today, Veronica is a four-year-old little girl with her own view of her daily world and her own identity. She has her own words, and her own voice. It is time Veronica is heard because it is, after all, Veronica’s life.”

Meet the Candidates-Continued

Governor/Lt. Governor Candidates: Rollin “Eddie” Hamilton and Cornell Sankey



Governor Candidate, Rollin “Eddie” Hamilton”

Rollin “Eddie” Hamilton was born in Clinton, Okla. and raised in the Thomas, community. He is the son of Janice Wilson of Thomas, Okla., and Walter R. Hamilton, Jr. of El Reno, Okla. His maternal grandparents are

the late Woodrow and Mary Wilson and paternal grandparents are the late Walter R. Hamilton Sr. and Agnes Hamilton. His Cheyenne name is Vee’ho meaning Whiteman and is a member of the Kit Fox Society.

Eddie began work for the tribes in 2002 as an Adult Education Counselor in the Department of Education.

Later in 2005, he co-founded the R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Program that implemented a multifaceted program for tribal members that, besides the core activities of recreation, exercise, and sports, it also encourages wellness, education, and leadership.

Currently, he serves as the Executive Director of the Department of Administration, which oversees over 20 programs for the Tribe. Today, he has been involved

with creating better opportunities for our tribal members through the Elder Care, Crisis, Culture & Heritage, Economic Development, and R.E.Sp.E.C.T. programs.

Eddie graduated from Thomas High School in 1989 and Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, Okla. with a Bachelor’s Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies in 2009.

Eddie and his wife, Stephanie Hamilton (Gilbert) currently reside in El Reno, Okla. He has four daughters Rylee, Lauren, Kynadee, and Michelle and four stepsons Dylan, Caleb, Kyle and Ryan. He has lived in El Reno for the past 17 years.

He believes in the values of “Servant Leadership, Inclusiveness, Honor and Respect” for a brighter day for our people.

Cornell Sankey was born in Oakland, Calif. and raised in the Hammon, Weatherford, Canton and Watonga, Okla. communities. He is the son of the late Milton Clarence Sankey of Canton, Okla. and the late Ima Jean Whiteskunk of Hammon, Okla. He is the grandson of the late Edward Jones and Mary Elk River Whiteskunk of Hammon and the late Robert and Madeline Sankey of Canton. He is a member of the Dog Soldier Society. Cornell is 1/2 Cheyenne and 1/2 Arapaho.

Cornell lost his father at the age of 5. He was raised by his mother Jean and grandmother Mary Whiteskunk.

His grandmother was his greatest inspiration and still has an impact on his life today. She instilled in him the importance of education and how it was the key to a good life. His grandfather Edward

Whiteskunk served in the U.S. Army and fought in World War II, his uncle Warren Sankey served in the USMC and fought in the Korean War, and his cousin David Sankey served in the USMC and was awarded the “Silver Star” in the Vietnam Conflict.

Cornell graduated from El Reno High School in 1988. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps from 1990 through 1994 and served our country in Desert Shield and Storm Southwest Asia. Cornell is a Gulf War Veteran and was Honorably Discharged.

Through his GI Bill, he continued his education at Redlands Community College and graduated with an Associate of Arts in Business Administration in May 2006. At the same time, Cornell completed his Bachelor of Business Administration Finance Degree from South-



Lt. Governor candidate, Cornell Sankey

western Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, Okla. in May 2006.

He currently resides in El Reno and believes our future for our people is very bright through “Servant Leadership, Inclusiveness, Honor and Respect.”

Hamilton/Sankey Campaign Platform Points

“Let us put our minds together and see what life we can make for our children,” is a famous quote that simply addresses our greatest asset of our Cheyenne and Arapaho people ... our children.

We strongly believe in the future of our people through education.

Education-Invest in programs to push and encourage education beyond high school, collaborate educational, culture and healthy lifestyle activities through all departments. Establish relationships and communication with public school administrators in our communities for the future of our children, grandchildren and many generations after.

Economic Development-Define

“economic development” and what it means to our people.

Implement a commission that will develop a filtering phase system for future investment opportunities, utilize our land, natural and tribal resources.

Communication-Honest conversation with senior staff, Tribal Commissions, Tribal Boards, Casino General Managers and Legislators. Publish monthly reports from the Casinos, Office of the Lt. Governor and Office of the Governor. Immediate and direct contact of administrative departments and offices, establish a relationship with local, state and national officials to address needs of our Tribal members.

Constitution-The Constitution

delivers laws that help our people but as we continue to change through the years, we will need to address and change our Constitution. Involve all tribal members for input of constitutional changes, set priorities to address the needs of tribal members and listen to all tribal members’ suggestions of improving our constitution.

Veterans-Veterans serve as modern-day warriors who deserve the upmost respect. They risk their lives for our people so that there will be a future for our people. Establish an Office of Veterans Affairs through Tribal Council, facilitate programming of hiring and assisting job placement for Veterans. Highlight and honor stories of Vet-

erans through public venues such as newspapers, websites and events.

Enrollment-The Cheyenne and Arapaho people have one of the largest tribal jurisdictions in Oklahoma. We are the only Tribe in the northwest area of Oklahoma. We want to utilize our people to help advance our People far into the future. Complete a thorough audit of enrollment of all tribal members, encourage Legislators to address bills that will benefit all tribal members concerning enrollment and invite each tribal member to be held accountable of enrollment status.

Community-Our people have persevered through hundred of years of illnesses, broken treaties, battles, government policies, boarding schools, genocide and assimila-

tion. But as we stand today in 2013, we need to become a People of Community once again. We need to come together as a fist to overcome our struggles, to take the lead to do what is best for all of our people.

Bring pride, honor and respect for our people through positive government for the people.

Gaming Revenue Allocation Plan (GRAP)-The Gaming Revenue Allocation Plan (GRAP) is how our money made from gaming will be spent. The plan needs definition of exactly where our money will be used. Propose a defined allocation plan of gaming revenues, provide more and productive services for elders and youth and ensure per caps will be a priority in the new GRAP plan.

Governor/Lt. Governor Candidates: Roberta “Bobbie” Hamilton and Jerry Levi



Governor Candidate Roberta “Bobbie” Hamilton

Roberta (Bobbie) Ann White Thunder Hamilton was born on Nov. 28, 1958, to the late Robert White Thunder and Ida Blackman White Thunder in Clinton, Okla. Her father, Robert, was a member of the Kit Fox and a Headsman. Her mother, Ida, was known for her beadwork, as was her uncle Melvin Blackman. Bobbie lost her mother, Ida, at the early age of 9. She was blessed with a large family who helped raise her and teach her the traditional way of life, both Cheyenne and Arapaho. Bobbie’s paternal grandparents were Edward and Rosie (Touching Ground) White Thunder and Jane (Little Hawk Big Foot) and Gregeory Blackburn. Her maternal grandparents were John and Esther (Howing Crane) Blackman. Edward White Thunder was a Cheyenne Chief. John Blackman

was an Arapaho Chief. Bobbie was raised in a traditional way by her grandparents. There were many do’s and don’ts while growing up in a Chief’s family on both sides. Bobbie has two sisters, Frances Fern White Thunder Howell of Ignacio, Colo. and the late Berdina White Thunder Willey of Geary, Okla. She also had one younger brother, John White Thunder, who died at birth.

Bobbie attended grade school in San Francisco, Calif., where she resided with her parents, while her father, Robert, participated in the Relocation Act of the 1960s. She also attended grade schools in Geary and Watonga. She graduated from high school from Watonga High School in 1977.

Jane and Gregory Blackburn was very instrumental in pushing Bobbie to stay in school and get good grades. She remembers her grandmother telling her, “Stay in school because that is what is going to get you far in life.” In addition, Jane and Gregory took Bobbie to peyote meetings while she was growing up, as they were very instrumental in the Native American Church. Her family also participated in the Sun Dance ceremonies and carries on this traditional way of life today. Her uncle, Eugene White Thunder, was a Sun Dance Priest, as is her son, Damon White Thunder, nephew Kurt Howell and cousin Tom White Thunder. Tom is also a Cheyenne Chief.

Bobbie’s aunt, Frances Beard,

was also a Kit Fox Sister. She and her family have participated in powwows since she could walk. Bobbie has participated in many contests in the Womens Buckskin category, both Northern and Southern while traveling to powwows throughout the U.S. and Canada.

After high school, Bobbie attended Ft. Lewis College in Durango, Colo., to begin studying for her basic courses. She also attended the University of Montana and Montana State University. She graduated from Nursing School with her Associate Degree in Nursing from Presentation College in Eagle Butte, S.D. in 1994. She worked in many areas of nursing including med-surg, obstetrics, surgery, school nursing, and public health nursing on reservations in South Dakota, Arizona and Montana. While working full-time, she completed her Bachelor’s of Nursing Degree from Salish Kootenai College in Pablo, MT, in 2001. A career in the Indian Health Service continued until 2010 when she began working with the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes as the Executive Director with the Department of Health up until 2013.

Bobbie is married to Dale Hamilton Sr. and they reside in El Reno. They have one daughter, Heather White Thunder, and seven sons, Damon White Thunder, Aaron Denny, Sean, Dale Jr, Ashton, Bobby and the late Niehhi Hamilton.

Hamilton/Levi Campaign Platform Points

where the monies are now so how are we, as a tribe, going to know which direction we wish to go in the future? I believe a sound financial audit is long overdue. Our casinos are a major part of our income so we wish to protect this investment for the future of our tribe by operating within the guidelines of the National Indian Gaming Commission. There are more deep lying issues with the casinos which we will address at the request of our tribal members.

In the meantime, it is time this information is shared with our tribal members, who have been kept in the dark for the past eight

Hello, my name is Jerry Levi and I am running for the position of Lt. Governor with my running mate, Roberta (Bobbie) Hamilton who is running for Governor of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes.

I possess a Master of Business Administration degree from Oklahoma City University and a Bachelor’s of Arts degree from Southeastern State University.

I grew up in Geary, Okla., graduating from Geary High School in 1964.

Some of my accomplishments and awards include an award for Special Act of Service, 1991 Public Health Service from the Indian Health Services, soldier of the Month for the Third U.S. Army, Puerto Rick in June 1970, I was selected as a consultant for the American Indian Institute, University of Oklahoma in 1980-81 and served as a panelist in 1982 at the Oklahoma City University for American Indian Resources and Activities.

I have planned and conducted classes entitled, Management and Budgeting for the Tonkawa Tribe, Management Interns and conducted workshops on

years. I propose quarterly financial reports to all tribal members. We are all shareholders in our tribe’s resources so it is very important to keep each and everyone informed. Financial accountability is very important so that we can properly provide needed services for our elders, children and veterans.

We propose upgrading services for our elders, children and veterans. Our veterans are not represented in our current tribal administration.

As Sweet Medicine prophesized so many years ago, we will be no longer exist when our language disappears. We pro-

P.L. 95-561 for Riverside Indian School Board focusing on the law and its impact on Indian controlled school boards.

I was selected to the All-Army Fast Pitch Softball team in 1969 and have received numerous athletic awards in high school and was a two-sport college athlete, playing football and baseball.

Through the years I have worked for the Shawnee Indian Health Center, 1987-1996 as their administrative officer.

I was the Food Distribution and W.I.C. Program Director for the Citizen Band of Pottawatomie Tribe of Oklahoma from 1983-1986 and was self-employed in the construction industry during 1982-1983.

In 1979 I was elected as the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes’ treasurer, taking office in January 1980. As treasurer, I was responsible for all trust, contractual and Federal grant programs fiscal operations of the tribe.

In 1981 I was elected as the Tribal Chairman, responsible for overall planning and management of the tribes. I oversaw program budgets in excess of 3 million dollars, en-

pose strethening our Cheyenne language and Arapaho language among our children, adults and elders. Nurturing our proud culture is an important issue to us. Bringing our tribes together as one and working together is our vision.

In accomplishing this vision, it is important to accept the reality that everyone is entitled to their opinion so agreeing to disagree and working together to solve the differences is important. We want positive change for the future of our tribes. Open communications with tribal members is one way to reach these goals and visions.



Lt. Governor Candidate Jerry Levi

suring social, educational and Trust responsibilities for approximately 12,000 members

I have also served as the Chief Executive Officer for all matters pertaining to the tribes that encompassed the entire Northwest Quadrant of the Sate of Oklahoma, bordered on the East by U.S. Highway 81 and on the South by Interstate 40.

My deep understanding of the tribes’ government functions makes me an ideal candidate for your next Lt. Governor, working together with Bobbie Hamilton to make the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes one of the strongest tribes in the state of Oklahoma.

Champion weightlifter

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also at CSU, on a scholarship for distance running.

“She called me and said, ‘we need girl throwers on the team, come walk on and talk to the coaches.’ I said, ‘I have never thrown anything,’ and her response back to me was, ‘you are strong ... you threw people in high school, you held them by yourself, I am more than sure you could throw an 8 lb. implement.’ So I set up a meeting with the throw coach,” Jen said. “When I walked in the coach said, ‘you were a cheerleader? Why should I let a cheerleader walk on a Division I track and field team with no experience whatsoever?’ I used my friend’s response to me and said, ‘Well I threw people in the air and held them by myself. If you are a collegiate level coach and a good one, you should be able to mold me into a great thrower.’ He said back to me, ‘Well I can’t argue with that, you are on a two week trial, we will see if we keep you.’”

Two weeks later the coach said he was throwing her to the wolves and she was red shirting. She competed for CSU for four years as a hammer thrower and indoor 20 lb. weight throw. She said she wasn’t the greatest, but she loved being on a team and suddenly her homesickness wasn’t an issue any longer.

“Throwing became my focus and I was determined to prove to this coach a cheerleader could do this too. I did well on the field but I excelled immensely in the weight room. He sent me a letter my sophomore year

while I was home over the summer. It said, ‘Focus on the weights and get stronger. Your home should be the weight room this summer.’ So I did just that ... I made the weight room my home,” Jen said. “I broke the squat record with a 365 lb. back squat at CSU and I was given a t-shirt that only the football players got for breaking the record and they gave me my own weight belt. It was tough balancing training, school and friends ... it was hard on Friday nights watching friends go out and have fun and I had to stay home to sleep and rest for the meet that weekend, but I would not trade the time there for the world. I made friends for a lifetime.”

In Jen’s senior year at CSU, while home on Christmas break, Joaquin Chavez, the assistant strength and conditioning coach for the University of New Mexico approached her. He asked her what her plans were after she graduated. Jen told Chavez that as far as track was concerned, she was done.

“I wasn’t the best thrower and knew in my heart that I would probably not go any further in throwing than I already had. I mentioned that the strength and conditioning coach at CSU had talked to me about power lifting, but I wasn’t that interested and was ‘on the fence’ about it. Then he mentioned Olympic weightlifting and I looked at him and said, ‘You can compete in that?’ and he emphatically exclaimed, ‘Yeah, it’s an Olympic sport!’ He said that’s what he wanted to talk to me about training for be-

cause I had the body type,” Jen said.

Chavez invited Jen to lift with a group of athletes he coached in the evening times and he sent her home with a 2000 Olympic video of weightlifting for her to watch. That night, after watching Tara Nott and Cheryl Haworth win the gold and bronze medals in their respective weight classes, Jen looked at her parents and said, “I want to do that.”

Jen began training with Chavez and one month later went to Albuquerque, N.M. for her first weightlifting competition. It was a local meeting held in a high school cafeteria.

“I lifted a total of 155kg (341 lbs.), and qualified for the American Open Weightlifting Championships. My coach was super excited when I hit the total, but I didn’t quite get it. I remember thinking, ‘Okay, cool. I qualified ... what does that mean?’ From there it has been a whirlwind of experiences. In 2003, one year into the sport I was teetering on quitting and not as excited as I was to continue. My coach called the technical director of USA Weightlifting, Paul Fleschler, and approached him about sending me to Colorado Springs to train with him at the Olympic Training Center (OTC). Within a couple of months, I found myself transferring jobs as a server at P.F. Chang’s to Colorado Springs, moving in with my college roommate’s grandmother, and making plans to train with Paul Fleschler. This was a huge deal. I wasn’t considered an

Olympic athlete or resident or anything at the OTC but I was able to train with some of the best in the nation while there. It was a major opportunity that I was blessed with. Paul was amazing and that year out in Colorado Springs I learned that dedication and heart and perseverance are keys to becoming the best you can be. Training there gave me many opportunities and the girls on the team were very welcoming even though they were lifting loads more than I was at the time. While there I trained hard and tried to learn from the other girls. I watched them focus and delve into every technical aspect of the sport. Plus having the technical director be your coach teaches you a lot,” Jen shared as she recounted the many milestones of those years. “That year I competed in the Mermet Cup, a meet between Team USA and Team Australia. That was amazing. Walking out for introductions, with the National Anthem playing was a moment I will never forget. While training under Paul, I qualified for nationals at the American Open in 2003 and competed in Merrillville, IN at the 2004 National Championships and totaled 185kg (407#). That is 30kg (66#) higher than the total I first made two years earlier. So to say I improved under his direction and in that environment is an understatement. Towards the end of my year I injured my right shoulder and moved home in May 2004. That summer I had surgery on my right shoulder and had my labrum repaired. It was a long tumultuous road but

I was able to come back and compete at the national level in six months.

In 2006, I went to the Collegiate National Championships where I won the event in the 75+-weight class with a total of 190kg (418#). In 2007, I competed again in the Collegiate National Championships where I won the national title in the same weight class with a total of 188kg (413.6#). One month later in May 2007, I



Courtesy photos
Jen Buckner was a cheerleader in high school from her sophomore year to her senior year. She was, what is called, the base person on the squad. These are photos taken during Jen’s senior year in high school.

found myself having my left shoulder repaired with the same problems as my right. Again I persevered because in my mind, I wasn’t done. I came back and started competing at the national level in nine months. In 2009, I won the bronze medal at nationals with a total of 197kg (433.4#). That year, I had to have my right knee repaired because a chunk of bone was floating around and getting lodged in my knee joint when I was walking. I lifted at the Rodger DeGarmo Me-

morial Weightlifting Competition/World Team Secondary Qualifier in August 2009. This was an open meet with an invitational aspect. What I mean is anyone could lift at the meet, but to be considered for the World Team you had to be invited and in order to be invited, you must be one of the top 20 women and top 20 men in the nation. I was fortunate to have been invited that year. While competing I was in the middle of the clean and jerk when the bone floated to my joint. I held the

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NCAIED announces 2013 recipients of the Native American 40 under 40 awards

The National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development (NCAIED) is pleased to announce that it has selected the 2013 recipients of the “Native American 40 Under 40” awards.

This prestigious award recognizes 40 of the most emerging American Indian leaders who have demonstrated leadership, initiative, and dedication to achieving significant contributions in business and/or community involvement across Indian Country. The Native American 40 Under 40 awards will be presented at the 38th Annual Indian Progress In Business Awards Gala Oct. 24, 2013 at the Wild Horse Pass Hotel and Casino in Chandler, Ariz.

Among the recipients is Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal member, LaRenda Morgan.

Morgan is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma (OU) with a Bachelor of Arts and Masters of Human Relations.

In January 2012, Morgan was appointed as Executive Director of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes’ Social Services Department, which includes Indian Child Welfare, Social Services,

Emergency Youth Shelter, Domestic Violence and USDA Food Distribution program.

She has held previous positions with Indian Health Services and the State of Oklahoma prior to her current appointment.

“I am very honored to receive this award for my work. I am motivated in my daily work to assist our tribal members because I understand their needs, worries, hardships and struggles. I, too, have grown up in a Cheyenne, Arapaho family and experienced some of these same struggles growing up. I care for the people’s needs and want to help with what I can,” Morgan said. “I do understand that I cannot fix every problem. Social Services work is very stressful field to work in and you deal with many “life” problems and issues and emotional people going through hard times. Its not a career for everyone but I am fortunate to have a staff of caring and hard working, honest people that also truly care about the people’s needs. I love my work and I’m appreciative to Gov. Boswell for



Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes’ Social Services Executive Director, LaRenda Morgan receives award from NCAIED.

giving me this opportunity to work in my degree field. I also thank our Lord, Creator Maheo and NCAIED for this award.”

Barefoot powwow

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Photo by Rebecka Lyman
Fred Allrunner carries a hand made bench that he presented to Burl Buffalomeat during the Barefoot powwow.

wow once again with only a month of preparation.

“The last few years people have been asking me when we were going to have Barefoot,” Barney said.

Over the course of ten years not being used, the powwow grounds has overgrown with tall weeds and trees fallen from past Oklahoma storms.

“I have been out here everyday cleaning up with a small tractor, a shovel and a rake,” Barney smiled.

Barney said the powwow is named after a farmer by the name of Barefoot Haigler that hung around all the Indians in the Canton area.

“He walked around barefoot all the time,” Barney laughed.

Vinita shared how Barefoot was home to her.

“My folks are buried just right over there,” Vinita said as she pointed through the trees. “I am glad we are doing it. This is home to me.”

Once Whiteman heard that the Sankey family was wanting to host the Barefoot powwow again, she jumped

right in to assist the family.

“I have spoken to a lot of people and they have said that they were glad that we are bringing the powwow back. I know that this year was a little short notice, but next year we will have more time to prepare and hopefully every year after the powwow will grow to be as big as it once was,” Whiteman said. “We just want people to come, have a good time, and be with family and friends like the old days.”

On Saturday evening of the Barefoot powwow there was a special dance contest, Junior Girls Cloth, held in honor of Holly Ann Long-Warrior, sponsored by Edna Sutton.

On Sunday three special contests were held. The Men’s Fancy Dance and Women’s Fancy Shawl were held in memory of Alonzo and Margaret Sankey, sponsored by Alondra and Natasha Sankey. The other special contest, Men’s Traditional, was held in memory of Josh Blind, sponsored by Barbara Walters.

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Stylists of All Tangled Up from l-r: Lorena Garcia, Sarah Carnott, Sara Lamebull and Baneza Garcia.

Are you all tangled up in trying to get the right hair-style?

There is a new business in town to help you do just that.

All Tangled Up, hair services and hair treatment salon held their grand opening on Tuesday, Sept. 3, 2013 in El Reno, Okla.

The shop, located at 115 E. Russell Street specializes in haircuts for men, women, and children, as well as high-lights, designer updos, wax, facials, and, if you don't speak English, don't worry, All Tangled Up, has two bilingual stylists.

Sarah Carnott, owner, approached her classmates and friends from Canadian Valley Vo-Tech School of Cosmetology, Sara Lamebull, Baneza Garcia and Baneza's sister, Lorena Garcia about her idea and of opening a new salon and asked them to

join her.

"I just wanted the flexibility of owning my own shop, make our own rules and hours. This has been a big passion of mine and I want us to continue to attend classes, learn new techniques and different things," Carnott said. "I guess I just didn't want someone telling me I had to be somewhere at a specific time and what if my client couldn't be there at that time. It's about working around our clients schedules, not them working around ours."

The four girls completed their two years of cosmetology school at Canadian Valley Vo-Tech, where they formed a friendship that has blossomed into this new business venture.

"We all came on board when Sarah asked us if we wanted to rent a booth in her new shop. We all got along

New hair salon in El Reno

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

really well during school, we helped each other out, supported one another and we have become really good friends," Lamebull said. "Our shop will be flexible, simple, nothing frantic. We want people to come in when they can and if they can't make it in during regular hours we will come up after hours and do their hair ... we want to accommodate our client's schedules, not them accommodate ours."

Baneza and Lorena, sisters, are from Durango, Mexico and speak fluent Spanish. They hope the Hispanic community members will feel more comfortable coming to a place where they can speak freely and be understood.

And if one is looking for that special designer "updo" for prom, a wedding, or special event, Baneza placed second in the district and state designer updo competi-

tions with her braid formed into a rose and her fire Mo-hawk.

"We can offer a variety of services to our clients, from updos, to facials, hair styles and if someone just needs to have their hair flat ironed, spur of the moment, we can accommodate them also," Carnott said. "I was very nervous about opening my own shop and without the support of my family, especially my parents, James and Connie, I couldn't have done it ... this is something I have wanted to do for a long time."

All Tangled Up will be featuring an open house during El Reno Main Street's Block Party, 5-9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19, 2013. Free temporary fun hair colors for kids, giveaways and refreshments.

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Together Everyone Achieves More

Tiffani Sleeper is a 15 year old, 5'7-1/2 freshman who attends Weatherford High School in Weatherford, Okla. She was born in El Reno, Okla., lived in Geary and moved to Weatherford in the third grade.

Her parents are Robert Sleeper and Cheryl Sankadota. Her grandparents are the late Jasper Sankadota Jr., and Lula Sankadota.

Tiffani runs track and plays basketball for Weatherford High School.

What sports do you play?
I run track and I play basketball.

What got you started in track and basketball?

My coaches saw how tall I am and they encouraged me to play basketball, so I went out for the team in 7th grade and I got on the team and have been playing ever since. I play small forward.

What is your biggest accomplishment so far in regards to sports?

Getting all my medals in track. I have 17 medals for track. I have some for the 3200 relay. Most of my medals are for first place, except maybe five of them. I received medals for the 1600 relay and I got one for fifth place for the 400 run and I received first in Thomas for jump. I like basketball and track equally ... I enjoy being involved in both sports.

What one or two things that you currently do that you feel like are keys to being successful in your chosen sport(s)?

Staying in shape by working out everyday. In the off seasons and in season.

What is your ultimate achievement, if you could envision yourself achieving anything, what would it be?

Going pro in the basketball arena. Playing for the WBNA.

How do you set your goals and what do you do to reach them?

I make a list of my goals and when I achieve each one I cross them off the list. One of them was making the basketball team, which I have done, so I crossed that one off the list. I do whatever it takes to

reach my goals.

What is your biggest challenge that you put more effort into overcoming?

I have to work harder at my jump ball, I am in the paint, so I guess my form. I have to work on keeping my elbow tucked in and just practice that more than other areas.

What is one food in your diet that you know you shouldn't eat, but love to eat anyway?

I would have to say chocolate and drinking pop.

What has been the best advice you have ever been given?

Not to do drugs and to stay in school by my grandmother.

Do you have any kind of saying or motto that you live by?

I will go with YOLO. It means you only live once.

Who do you draw inspiration from?

My grandmother, because she had five kids and she didn't drink or do drugs her whole life ... so it's her.

What is your favorite meal the night before a game or track meet?

Beans and frybread.

What do you do in your off-season to stay in shape.

I work out constantly to stay in shape.

Do you have any hobbies?

I like to listen to music, R&B, pop and hip-hop.

If you could change one thing in the world what would it be?

Not having alcohol legal. My dad is, I guess you could say, an alcoholic and I don't like it. I wish alcohol had never been invented.

What is one thing people do not know about Tiffani?

I hate being tall ... I really do.

Who is your favorite athlete?

Tim Duncan.

What do you plan on doing after high school?

I plan on finishing high school and going to college, get a degree and hopefully make it to the pros.

What is your message to other kids?

To stay in school and stay drug free.



Robert Sleeper is a 14 year old, 6' freshman who attends Weatherford High School in Weatherford, Okla. His parents are Robert Sleeper and Cheryl Sankadota. His grandparents are the late Jasper Sankadota Jr., and Lula Sankadota.

Robert is a linebacker/tide end on the Weatherford High School's football team.

What sports do you play?
Football, basketball and baseball

What is your biggest accomplishment so far in regards to sports?

When I played in El Reno, I had an interception and ran it in for a touchdown.

What one or two things that you currently do that you feel like are keys to being successful in your chosen sport(s)?

I bench press and do squats in the weightroom.

If you could envision yourself achieving anything, what would it be?

To start on the high school football and basketball teams.

How do you set your goals and what do you do to reach them?

I make a list, kind of like Tiffani, and I cross them off when I reach them.

What is your biggest challenge that you put more effort into overcoming?

I have to practice really hard, to be what I feel like is the best.

What is one food in your diet that you know you shouldn't eat, but love to eat anyway?

I like greasy foods, deep fried foods.

What has been the best advice you have ever been given?

Stay away from drugs and don't drink alcohol, go to school and finish by my grandma, my mom and my dad.

Do you have any kind of

saying or motto that you live by?

TEAM, because together everyone achieves more.

Who do you draw inspiration from?

My great-grandma, Belva Hicks because she has been clean all her life, she's religious and doesn't do anything bad, almost like a saint to me.

What are one or two things that you currently do in your training that you think are keys to your success?

In basketball, I am not really good at my jump shots, so I concentrate on practicing them a lot and practicing my left-handed lay ups.

What's your favorite meal before a game?

A light snack that is high in protein.

Who is one person you look up to?

My cousin Jeremy Sankadota from Anadarko. His team has gone to the championships twice and he is really good at football. He is a defensive lineman at Haskell this year.

Do you have any hobbies?

I like hanging out with my friends and listening to music, hip hop, rap and a little bit of country.

If you could change one thing in the world what would it be?

Like Tiffani said, my dad's an alcoholic and I just wish I could change that.

What is one thing people do not know about Robert?

I am really good at dancing.

Who is your favorite athlete or favorite sports team?

My favorite sports team is the Pittsburgh Steelers and the Anadarko Warriors.

What do you plan on doing after high school?

Fishing school and going to college. I want to attend UCLA.

SEEKING PHOTOS - PAST & PRESENT OF
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Free and open to the public • Reception to follow

Guest Speaker: LTC Hugh F. Foster III, U.S. Army, Retired
Son of Comanche Code Talker Platoon Commander
Lieutenant (later Major General) Hugh F. Foster, Jr.

201 NW Ferris Avenue, Lawton, OK
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Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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Jan. 26-27, 2014 at the Penchange Casino Resort in Temecula, Calif. For more information or to register visit www.nativenationevents.org.

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September is National
Childhood Obesity Awareness Month

By Tara Conway, MS, RD/LD, CDE
C&A Diabetes Wellness Program

This is a story about Sterling. Today he is 21.

If you went to high school with him, you would not recognize him today. He has lost over 60 pounds, he no longer wears baggy pants or shorts and Triple X shirts; he wears Levis and polo shirts. In his face you can see the biggest difference because he now wears a smile.

Sterling is sad when he thinks of high school, high school was not fun for him; high school is about looking good and in high school Sterling weighed 360 lbs.

During the four years in high school Sterling was quiet, isolated, depressed and angry all the time. He felt horrible, he was always tired, had frequent nose bleeds and constant headaches.

Two things happened that changed Sterling’s life. Sterling’s cousin passed away in his 40s from complications of diabetes and when he went to the doctor he told him that he had very high blood pressure. He decided to make an appointment with the dietician at his clinic. He was nervous about seeing her as he thought she was going

to be like a fitness trainer and break him down and build him up. She said people think she is going to be negative, but she doesn’t lecture ... Sterling thought she was nice.

Sterling was surprised that she taught him about his “red light foods”, chips, hamburgers and pop. At the time Sterling was drinking five cans a pop a day, plus two energy drinks. Sterling decided he would change his eating habits. He gave up on fast food, McDonalds hamburgers. When he would get a craving for fast food he would go to Subway or Arby’s for a sandwich but would not get the fries or pop.

Then he decided he would start working out at the tribal gym. He started walking then running and learned how to box. He started weight training. It took Sterling six weeks to start to feel better. It was hard but he kept doing it because he knew it was going to work. He started feeling stronger and noticed that every week he was jogging faster.

Sterling has lost over 60 lbs. His family and friends tell him he looks better; he’s funnier, tells jokes and is more outgoing. His personality

changed, his self-esteem has gone up. He has a new vision one of an active lifestyle, to travel as a boxer, he feels awesome. The high school student that was his negative side is gone.

Steps Sterling used to lose over 60 pounds:

1. Met with health care staff and found a personal reason to lose weight.
2. Started meeting every week with a dietitian.
3. Changed his eating habits, cut back on his fast food and stopped drinking pop and energy drinks.
4. Started walking, jogging, weight training and boxing.
5. Keeps his eyes on his goals to stay motivated He wants to be healthy and he wants to live a long time.

Does his sound familiar? The Diabetes Wellness program has services to help you meet your goals to live a long and healthy life. Contact us at (800) 247-4612 ext. 27685. We look forward to hearing from you.

Source: Indian Health Services Division of Diabetes Treatment and Prevention, 2/2012.

Water plant

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well, with meters, replace the existing Concho water lines and lastly to replace the Concho Water Treatment Plant,” Roman Nose said. “The Concho Water Treatment Plant has been operated by the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes since 1985, when the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) permanently closed down the Concho Boarding School. Most of the treatment

process was eliminated because of the cost to maintain the water treatment process. The original equipment is not considered to be usable or refurbished for its intended use.”

For more information about the progress on the water treatment plant or other community projects, contact Roman Nose at (405) 422-7404.

iGaming to be a hot topic at G2E 2013

LAS VEGAS – As the landscape of Internet gambling continues to evolve and interest in this topic increases, Global Gaming Expo (G2E) 2013 will be the go-to place to gain critical insights and comprehensive perspectives about what is on the horizon for this rapidly developing sector of the gaming industry.

From new products and technologies to educational sessions and invaluable networking opportunities, G2E will serve as the leading educational resource and ideal learning environment on iGaming. G2E is the premier trade show and conference event for the international gaming entertainment industry and will be held Sept. 23-26 at the Sands Expo and Convention Center in Las Vegas, Nev.

“As the Internet gambling sector has developed in the U.S. and around the world, we’ve seen increased interest from G2E attendees for access to more educational programming on this issue,” said Courtney Muller, senior vice president at Reed Exhibitions. “The iGaming features at G2E will arm attendees with the knowledge to react to the changing face of the industry, take advantage of new opportunities and be prepared for what lies ahead.”

This year’s iGaming features at G2E include, iGaming Congress: The one-day iGaming Congress will take place Monday, Sept. 23 and will address the potential impact of the legalization of Internet gambling in the U.S.

Additionally, sessions at the iGaming Congress will provide gaming professionals with advice on how to react to the changing face of the industry and take advantage of new opportunities. This information-packed program will appeal to existing offshore Internet gambling operators, as well as commercial casinos, tribal casinos, manufacturers and more.

iGaming Conference Track: The two-day iGaming Conference Track will take place Tuesday, Sept. 24 and Wednesday, Sept. 25 and is designed to provide an overview of Internet gambling operations and regulations around the world. This track will include eight in-depth sessions intended to prepare the U.S. market for business in advance of legalization and examine what it will mean for the industry at large.

iGaming Networking Reception: iGaming executives are invited to network and connect about one of the hottest sectors in the industry during the iGaming Networking Reception on Monday, Sept. 23 from 5-6:30 p.m. at The Act in the Palazzo. This networking reception is open only to iGaming Congress attendees and five-day Super Pass G2E conferees.

iGaming Zone: G2E’s iGaming Zone is the destination for industry leaders looking to find cutting-edge suppliers and stay abreast of the latest developments in the sector. The iGaming Zone will showcase Internet gambling software products to support online games such as poker, sports betting and bingo. The pavilion also will feature support systems, including marketing tools, live gaming software, payment technologies and more. This year’s iGaming Zone will be the biggest to date, and the G2E show floor also will feature many additional exhibitors of iGaming products.

iGaming Virtual Ticket: The iGaming Virtual Ticket will offer live streaming of the iGaming Congress and iGaming Conference Track, allowing those who cannot attend the conference in person to connect to G2E like never before from their web-enabled mobile device or computer.

For more information and to register for G2E 2013, visit www.globalgamingexp.com.

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For more information contact Dr. Hollie Mackey, valuesandleadership@ou.edu.

To register visit www.hmackey.wix.com/valuesandleadership.



The 63rd annual Keetoowah Cherokee Celebration

Sept. 13-14, 2013 in Tahlequah, Okla. Opens Sept. 13 with gospel singing, stomp dance, arts, crafts and food vendors. Sept. 14 will be a dignitary breakfast, 1K and 5K fun run, parade, state of the nation ceremony, hog fry, children’s activities, turtle races, volleyball, horsehoses, cornstalk shoot and more. For more information call (918) 431-1818 or (918) 456-6533.

Oklahoma Indian Summer Celebration

Sept. 20-22, 2013 at Bartlesville Community Center, 300 S.E. Adams Blvd., in Bartlesville, Okla. Youth and adult powwows with competitive and non-competitive dancing, storytelling, a talent show, church service and gospel singing. For more information call (918) 331-0934.

Comanche National Museum and Cultural Center presents Comanche Code of Honor exhibit

Opening reception, 1:06 p.m., Sept. 26, 2013 at the Lawton McMahon Auditorium, 801 N.W. Ferris Ave., in Lawton, Okla. New exhibit honors the Comanche Code Talkers of World War II. For more information call (580) 353-0404 or visit www.comanchemuseum.com.

Standing Bear Powwow

Sept. 27-28, 2013 at the Standing Bear Park in Ponca City, Okla. Free event. Friday, 6 p.m. - close, Saturday, 1 p.m. - close. For more information contact Tobie Bonvillain at (580) 762-1514 or (580) 762-3148.

Ride for the Vets Poker Run

Sept. 28, 2013 for vets served by the Jack C. Montgomery VA Medical Center in Muskogee, Okla. For more information contact the voluntary service at (918) 577-3621 or (918) 577-3358.

Fort Sill Indian School Annual Reunion

Oct. 4-5, 2013 at the Campus Gym in Lawton, Okla. Friday, Oct. 4 from 7 p.m. - 11 p.m. On Saturday, Oct. 5 from 10 a.m. - 11 p.m. For more information contact Phyllis Hunter at (405) 247-1558.

Annual Tribal Council Meeting of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma

10 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 5, 2013 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. Breakfast and lunch will be served. For more information contact Tribal Council Coordinator, Lisa Martin at (405) 422-7430.

Lucky Star Casino presents Martina McBride

Saturday, Oct. 5, 2013 at the Lucky Star Casino Event Center in Concho, Okla. Doors open at 7 p.m. Show at 8 p.m. For more information or for tickets visit www.luckystarca-sino.org.

Pryor Wellbriety Powwow

Oct. 19, 2013 at the Mid-American Expo Center in Pryor, Okla. Gourd dancing at 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Grand Entry at 6 p.m. Free admission. All drums welcomed to attend. For more information contact Mary Hayes at (918) 698-0583.

Lucky Star Casino presents comedian Mike Epps

Saturday, Oct. 19, 2013 at the Lucky Star Casino Event Center in Concho, Okla. For more information or for tickets visit www.luckystarcasino.org.

Bacone Fall Powwow

12 p.m. - 11 p.m., Oct. 26, 2013 at the Muskogee Civic Center, W. Okmulgee and 5th Street in Muskogee, Okla. Contest powwow, all princesses, drums, singers and dancers invited to attend. For vendor information contact Asa Lewis at (918) 360-0057 or email lewisa@bacone.edu. For powwow information contact Connie Falleaf at (918) 687-3299 or by email at falleafc@bacone.edu.

Choctaw Nation Powwow

Nov. 29-30, 2013 at the Choctaw Nation Event Center in Durant, Okla. Dance competitions, arts and crafts vendors and food vendors. For more information visit www.choctaw-casinos.org.

Cheyenne and Arapaho Education Community Meetings

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Department of Education will begin Community Outreach Meetings in September 2013. The meetings will be used to provide Education Program information to community members and also engage in dialogue with parents and students on how the Education Department can assist with educational issues.

Parents are encouraged to attend the meetings and address any educational issues they may have.

Other education community meetings will resume in January 2014.

For more information about the meetings or questions contact Sharon Hale at (405) 422-7611.

6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 18
Weatherford Middle School Cafeteria
6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 2
Seiling Community Center
6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16
Kingfisher High School Cafeteria
6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20
Geary High School Cafeteria

Happy Birthday



Happy 20th Birthday Alexander "Mac" Little! With lots of love, your mom, auntie, uncles, cousins, brothers, sisters and grandparents

To my one and only big little sister! Valerie Amber Washa-Patterson. You caught up with me, last year and passed me this year.
Happy 32 Birthday Sept. 4 Old lady! Mom was truly in labor on Labor Day Hesa!! Love and miss you much!
Your brother, Dennis Da' Menace



Happy Birthday in Paradise Sept. 26

A tribute to our mother, Ruth Goodblanket God looked around his garden and found an empty space, He then looked down upon this earth and saw your tired face. He put his arms around you and lifted you to rest. God's garden must be beautiful, He only takes the best. He knew that you were suffering, He knew you were in pain, He knew you would never get well upon this earth again. He saw the roads getting rough and the hills were hard to climb. So He closed your weary eyelids and whispered in you ear, "Peace be thine." It broke our hearts to lose you, but you did not go alone. For part of us went with you, the day God called you home. We love and miss you, The family of Ruth Goodblanket



Happy 31st Birthday to Vanessa Starr on Sept. 20!! Hope you have an awesome day! Thank you for loving my son and making him happy again and for giving me my granddaughter, Jasmine. You will always have my respect and love Love, Myra and Frank



Happy 1st Birthday Beau Roy Love, mommy, daddy and family



Happy 1st Birthday Peyton Annie Bull Coming! We love you very much, momma Wilma, daddy Peanuts, big sister Kendra, big brother Henry

Happy Belated Birthday Donnie B. Did anyone ever tell you how much they liked you? I'm telling you now that I like you being my friend, how nice you are and how I appreciate you. Thanks for always remembering my birthday and for the little turtle necklace, you are the best friend a friend could ever have. Have a great day on Sept. 8 From your friend



Happy Birthday Jandra, Devin and Eric I am very proud of all of you Love, grandma

Happy Birthday Sons I love you always and forever, I'm always here for you if you need me. I pray for you always, I wish for good things to happen for you and that you have a good life. May Maheo continue to watch over you and bless you. My love is unconditional and forever, love mom Wanda



Pray for the day there will be a permanent cure. In memory of anyone you know who has been struckdown by cancer or is still living with it. Light a candle. A candle loses nothing by lighting another candle. Keep the candle going, a small request, just one line. "Dear God, I pray You will guide someone to find a cure for cancer in 2013. In Jesus name, Amen."



Happy Birthday Dale Hamilton Sept. 16 From Bobbie, Bobby and Ashton We love you!

I want to wish my daughter Carin Minnie Mitchell Sept. 19 a very Happy Birthday! From your mother, Carol Standingwater, Tony Reynolds, John and Stephanie Standingwater, Christopher Bird, Carla Standingwater, Carol Mitchell, Richard and Heather Bird, grandmothers, Elaine Bird, Esther Seger, Cheryl Carter and Mary Ann Miles, grandfathers, James, Rudy, Walter Miles and numerous cousins, nephews and nieces. Enjoy life and take care of your family, live life to the fullest and we all love you very much



Funeral services for Oveta J. Whiteshirt-Lira, 52, Clinton resident was held on Sept. 12, 2013 at the Cheyenne and Arapaho Community Center in Clinton, Okla., officiated by Rev. Frank Kauahquo. A Traditional Wake service was held on Sept. 11, 2013. Oveta Joba Whiteshirt-Lira was born April 16, 1961 to John and Theodora (Pendleton) Whiteshirt in Dallas, Texas and passed away on Sept. 8, 2013 at the Oklahoma University Medical Center in Oklahoma City.

In loving memory Toni Hawk Sept. 21, 1936 - Aug. 18, 2013

From me to you... Mom, auntie, grandma and friend strong, caring, loving and always giving sister, mom, auntie, grandma and friend. Look to me and know one day your heart will mend, I am dancing on, this isn't my end. Through the years I've tried to be strong. My battles and challenges are all now long gone. You know Cheyenne women are strong. As I was strong you too be strong our love will always live on. You love me and I love you I know you will always remember me...



Happy 3rd Birthday Jay'd Campbell Sept. 15 Love your mommy, Devonie, baby brother Joel, grandmother Debra, auntie Erica, uncle Michael, great-grandpa Douglas, great-grandma Helen and the rest of your relatives

Congratulations!!! Laila Wise Lev Ario for Outstanding Student of the Month at Hillcrest Elementary I am so very proud of you, granny



Happy 76th Birthday Dad (Douglas Campbell) Sept. 23 Love from your daughters, Myra, Edwina, Debra and your son Douglas (Hans). Love from all of your grandchildren and great-grandchildren



Happy Birthday Raven Sage Thunderbull Love daddy, Jacqui and the whole family Happy Birthday to my Native Warrior Harry Garcia Jr. I love you baby. You may not be here beside me in person, but you are always in my heart and prayers. I'll be right here waiting for you! Truly yours forever, Chereesa White Buffalo

Obituaries

In Loving Memory Oveta J. Whiteshirt-Lira April 16, 1961 - Sept. 8, 2013

Oveta was raised and graduated from High School in Dallas, Texas. She moved to Watonga, Okla. where she was employed with Dan Webber law firm. She moved to Clinton and was employed with the legal aid office in 2002. She continued her education at Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) in Weatherford, Okla., where she graduated with honors in 2012. While attending Southwestern she was employed with the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College. Following graduation she worked for the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes serving as coordinator for the Elderly Nutrition Center in Clinton.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a daughter, Cheneya Ann Whiteshirt, a sister, Gail Whiteshirt, grandson, Trevor Rae Whiteshirt and her grandparents, Jennie (Black) and Frank Pendleton. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, she was a proud member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes and participated in the Cheyenne Sun Dance, pow wows and dances. She served as president of the H.O.P.E Indian Club at SWOSU. She is survived by a son, Elijah Whiteshirt, of Clinton and a daughter, Jennie Whiteshirt, Oklahoma City, five grandchildren and the Hoffman family.

In loving memory Toni Hawk Sept. 21, 1936 - Aug. 18, 2013

Your sister, mom, auntie, grandma and friend. Also an activist, leader, dancer and so much more. So walk on in my mocasins and see my designs not only in my beadwork, but in the patterns of my life. Young ones, listen, learn and remember what I and your elders have taught make me proud. Let me see that the good lessons live through you. I am... sister, mom, auntie, grandma and friend. I am home with family and I will see you again I will be here ready to one day welcome you in. Today, I am dancing, sing-



ing, laughing and loving. Because I remember you and all we shared I hold you dear, but know I am whole and stronger than ever before. Remember me. I am... sister, mom, auntie, grandma and friend. Indeed, neither you nor I... no, we are not lost we will see each other again. I am your sister, mom, auntie, grandma and friend Written by Mei Lan Penaster



Students of the Month-Center Picture front row l-r: Jerid Sandoval, 3rd grade, Yareni Baxcajay, 1st grade, Antonio Baxcajay, pre-K, Khadija Ba, pre-K, Miah Pointer, kindergarten, Junior Elledge, 2nd grade. Back row: Cionna Garcia, 4th grade, Michael Beaver, 6th grade, Mackenzie Martin, 7th grade, Allen Sioux Jr., 8th grade, John Mayes, 5th grade.

The word of the month at Darlington was "Work Ethic"- Apply your best effort and commit to completing tasks. Make positive choices to have a successful school year. The teacher(s) in each class selected the one student in that class that most consistently demonstrated a strong work ethic.

CLASSIFIED SECTION

Employment:

Submit a tribal application, resume, diploma(s), transcripts, valid copy of Oklahoma state driver’s license and a copy of CDIB to Personnel Department, P.O. Box 38, Concho, Okla. 73022 or email whaag@c-a-tribes.org.

Office Clerk
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Closing date:
Sept.19, 2013

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Closing date: Until filled

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Concho, Okla.
Closing date:
Sept. 20, 2013

Senior Financial Officer
Treasury Department,
Concho, Okla.
Closing date:
Sept. 20, 2013

Executive Assistant
Enrollment,
Concho, Okla.
Closing date:
Sept. 19, 2013

Counselor
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Program, Concho-
El Reno, Okla.
Closing Date: Until filled

Qualifications:
High School graduate or GED with a minimum of one year of administrative or clerical experience. Must have a valid Oklahoma driver’s license and dependable transportation. Basic desktop computer skills. Experience in general office procedures, such as filing, typing, answering telephone and working with public. Regular attendance is a must. Must be willing to work other than normal working hours when needed. Must maintain a high degree of confidentiality. Cheyenne-Arapaho preference.
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Qualifications:
Twenty-four hours of college coursework minimum. Posses valid State driver’s license, furnish copy with application. CDL or CDL eligible-class B. Currently certified or eligible for forklift certification. Training and warehouse work experience; familiar with warehouse and loading & unloading safety practices as well as applicable regulations/policies. Working knowledge and experience using computers. Demonstrate experience and ability to relate and communicate well with Indian and Non-Indian individuals/households. Strong organization, writing and communication skills.
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Qualifications:
Minimum of an Associates Degree in Business/Accounting. Minimum of two years experience working with federal/state grants and contracts. Knowledge of generally accepted accounting principles and practices Knowledge of fund accounting principles and procedures. Knowledge of OMB Circulars, CFR, and other rules and regulations pertaining to grants/contracts. Knowledge of federal grant reporting. Software. Work without supervision in order to accomplish assigned tasks. Posses computer skills such as accounting and spreadsheet software. Should possess skills in operating various office machines. Valid Oklahoma driver’s license. Cheyenne-Arapaho preference.
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Qualifications:
Knowledge of not-for-profit accounting in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, OMB Circulars A-133 and A-122, compliance requirements, and appropriate Code of Federal Regulations sections. Organizational development and program operations. General office software, particularly the Microsoft Office Suite and MIP software (or other similar not-for-profit general ledger software) and use of databases. Foster and cultivate business opportunities and partnerships. Create and assess financial statements and budget documents. Communicate effectively in both written and verbal form.
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Qualifications:
Associate’s Degree in Business Administration, Computer Technology, or related field preferred; Two years of supervisor/managerial experience. Experience with analytical research preferred. Extensive computer skills a must, prefer certificate in computer skills with strong emphasis working with database programs. Knowledge of general office procedures, with demonstrated work experience in maintaining confidential records and files. Demonstrated ability to work with Indian and non-Indian individuals. Preference given to notary public or ability to obtain notary public certification. Must possess a valid Oklahoma driver’s license and pass pre-hire employment drug test.
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Qualifications:
Bachelor’s Degree in a Social Science field preferred. Two years experience in the delivery of social services and/or community based networking and referral services. One year experience preferred in community-based networking and referral services. Two years counseling experience with case management and/or vocational interest assessment experience preferred. Must possess a valid Oklahoma driver’s license and have reliable transportation. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference. Must pass pre-hire background investigation.
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Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes
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“The first step toward success is taken when you refuse to be a captive of the environment in which you first find yourself.”

Dear Editor

My name is Terry D. Cornell, Jr. and I am a member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma.

My family has a long history with our tribes. We originated from my fourth great grandmother, Snake Woman (Ma Hom) and I have over 100 members of my family that belong to the tribes over the years.

My family has always been proud members of the tribes and I grew up on the stories that have shaped my life. Even though I grew up in Chicago, IL. I have a close relationship with Oklahoma. I spent all of my summers working on the family farm and I continue to live part time in Oklahoma. Over the next year, I will be transitioning to a full time resident of Oklahoma.

The reason I am writing you is to let you know of my opposition to the; *Proposed Amendment, Article IV, Membership, Section 1, Requirements. The membership of the Tribes, shall consist of all persons who are 1/4 or more combined degree of blood of the Cheyenne Arapaho Tribe of Oklahoma whose names appear on the tribal membership roll of Oct. 31, 1967, and their descendants who are 1/4 or more combined degree of blood of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma and have applied for membership and are not a member of any other tribe.*

I have spoken with several people at the tribal offices and it was explained to me that basically everyone who doesn’t meet these two requirements are knocked out of the tribes membership rolls. No grandfathering in,

nothing. This disturbs me as there are a lot of my family members that are less than 1/4, they live in the Geary, Calumet, Norman, El Reno and Oklahoma City.

So, now, according to this Proposed Amendment, they, as well as everyone else loses their identity.

I could see if going forward, these changes apply but, in the middle of the game, the rules are changed?

For what reason?
Is it the per cap?

If so, I’m sure most would give up per cap in order to retain membership. I’m speaking for my family. If there needs to be more money for other tribal members, then so be it. Don’t strip away a member’s citizenship for those reasons. I also feel that this Proposed Amendment could be detrimental to the future of the tribes as many members have intermarried with persons from other tribes as well as other races.

What happens then?

I am asking you to reconsider putting this Proposed Amendment on the ballot as it will only cause more harm than good. If you should decide to move forward then there should be provisions for current members to retain their membership and initiate changes going forward.

If you have any questions or thoughts please contact me at (312) 909-1821 or tcornelljr@aol.com.

An Indian is an Indian regardless of the degree of Indian blood or which little government card they do or do not possess.

Wilma Mankiller
Terry D. Cornell, Jr.

I say hello to all and pray for our people as a whole. We are strong and proud. As we begin to move towards a future, which is uncertain at this time, we must reflect and weigh what was, where we are at now, and the direction we will go.

Our people, our families, and as individuals we have endured and pressed forward always hoping and praying for a unification that will improve and better our daily lives.

We must remember that the foundation that we build upon comes from our ancestors and the hopes and dreams that they prayed and struggled for.

Our elders posses much wisdom and what they know is passed on and on again. When they speak we need to listen carefully and learn what they are trying to teach.

Our way of life is sacred and has to be preserved for future generations. Without it we would be lost.

Our Creator, our Father watches over us all. He listens when we talk to Him. He answers when we ask, and he picks us up when we stumble. So I ask that we pray and work together towards a future that improves and preserves our way of life.

Rodney CandyFire

Outreach Counselor
Education Program, El
Reno-Concho, Okla.
Closing Date: Until Filled

Qualifications:
Knowledge of Native learning styles, Title VII policies and regulations, general education, Native curriculum, and testing procedures. Deal effectively and courteously and exercise good judgment when conducting assessments and communicating results. Prepare progress reports, fliers, and other similar or related materials. Maintain ongoing documentation regarding services provided. Includes files and specialized class/workshop/seminars files. Maintain professionalism and environment conducive to learning. Must possess basic computer knowledge. Proficient in Microsoft Word, Works, and Excel. Must possess a current Oklahoma driver’s license. Includes having a clean driving record for insurance purposes. Pass OSBI background check. Must be able to work flexible hours including weekends and holidays. Must be willing and able to perform related travel normally associated with this position. Perform other duties as assigned by Education outreach director.
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CLOSING

Cheyenne and Arapaho
tribal offices will be
closed Friday
Sept. 27, 2013 in
observance of
National Indian Day

Offices will re-open
at 8 a.m. on Monday,
Sept. 30, 2013

IN THE TRIAL COURT
CHEYENNE AND ARAPAH0 TRIBES OF OKLAHOMA
P.O. BOX 102
CONCHO, OKLAHOMA 73022

In The Matter Of The Estate Of:

AILEEN ELDINE HASKINS PAGE

Deceased

Case No. P-2013-08

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The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: Any and all Heirs of Aileen Eldine Haskins Page, deceased.

You are hereby notified that ANNABEL LAABS, has filed in this Court a Petition For Appointment Of Executor of the Estate of Aileen Eldine Haskins Page, deceased. That said Petition is hereby set for a hearing in the Courtroom of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 29TH day of SEPTEMBER, 2013 at 10:00 A.M., at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said appointment should not be granted.

Dated this 29th day of August, 2013

Rebekah Martin
Rebekah Martin, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

IN THE TRIAL COURT
CHEYENNE AND ARAPAH0 TRIBES
P.O. BOX 102
CONCHO, OKLAHOMA 73022

CHARLES BUSHYHEAD

VS

JESSE BUSHYHEAD

Plaintiff

Defendant

Case No. CIV-2012-13

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The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: CHARLES BUSHYHEAD
JESSE BUSHYHEAD

You are hereby notified that SANTOS MARQUES has filed in this Court a Petition For Custody regarding, D.L.M. & D.D.M., minor children: Petition is hereby set for a Hearing to be heard in the Courtroom of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 2nd day of OCTOBER, 2013 at 10:00 A.M., at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said Permanent Custody should not be granted.

Dated this 6th day of SEPTEMBER, 2013.

Rebekah Martin
Rebekah Martin, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

IN THE TRIAL COURT
CHEYENNE AND ARAPAH0 TRIBES OF OKLAHOMA
P.O. BOX 102
CONCHO, OKLAHOMA 73022

In The Matter Of The Guardianship Of:

V.T.D.C.

DOB: 7/6/2006

R.M.C.

DOB: 7/22/2010

Minor Children

Case No. PG-2012-82

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The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: AMBER LORENE BIG EAGLE
ROBERT C. CANNON
DAWNA JUNERITH WHITETAIL CANNON

You are hereby notified that Amber Lorene Big Eagle has filed in this Court a Petition For Guardianship Of said persons and/or estates of V.T.D.C.and R.M.C., minor children, and that on February 13th, 2013, the petitioner, Amber Lorene Big Eagle was granted temporary guardianship of the minor children and that said Petition is hereby set for a Permanent Guardianship Hearing to be heard in the Courtroom of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 25th day of September, 2013 at 10:00 A.M., at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said Permanent Guardianship should not be granted.

Dated this 6th day of September, 2013.

Rebekah Martin
Rebekah Martin, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

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In The Matter Of The Application Of:

A.W.H.R.

DOB: 11-12-10

By the Natural father
To Change Name

Case No: CIV-2013-0096

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P.O. BOX 102
CONCHO, OKLAHOMA 73022

The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to:

TAKE NOTICE, that Taurino Baccajay has filed in this Court a Petition For Name Change of minor child, as follows, to wit: from A.W.H.R., to T.A.B. and that the same will be heard by the Cheyenne-Arapaho Trial Court of Concho, Oklahoma in the Courthouse located at 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, P.O. Box 102, Concho, Oklahoma, 73022, on the 9th day of October, 2013 at 10:00 A.M., and any written protest may be filed in the case, prior to the date set for the hearing.

Issued this 6th day of September, 2013.

Fran Wilson
Fran Wilson, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne-Arapaho District Court

Petitioner:
Taurino Baccajay
602 S. Roberts
El Reno, OK 73036

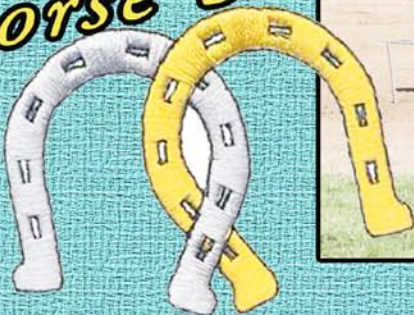


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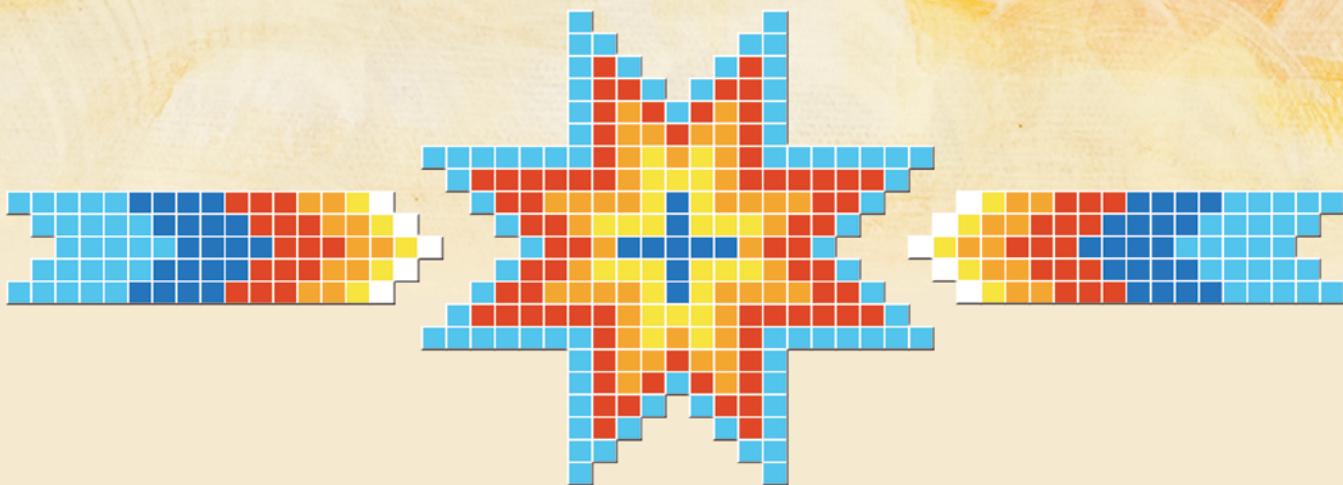
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